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SUBJ: MOROCCANS BRIEFED ON BEGIN VISIT

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI RECEIVED ME JULY 22 FOR BRIEFING ON BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL, LEAVING FRENCH LANGUAGE SUMMARY TO BE CONVEYED TO KING HASSAN, PLUS COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S "MINI-PRESS CONFERENCE" CARRIED WIRELESS FILE JULY 21. LARAKI EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR RAPID INFORMATION AND PROMISED TO PASS SUMMARY TO KING WITHOUT DELAY.

2. WHILE NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER OUTCOME OF VISIT, LARAKI CONSIDERED THAT SOME PROGRESS MUST INDEED HAVE BEEN MADE, AS DOOR REMAINED OPEN FOR RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN DEALT WITH IN DETAIL. ON QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, HE RECALLED 1974 RABAT SUMMIT DECISION THAT PLO SHOULD BE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS AND COMMENTED THAT ARABS WOULD PROBABLY INSIST ON PLO REPRESENTATION IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE THEREFORE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT ISRAELI FORMULA TO CONSIDER OTHER MEANS OF NEGOTIATION TO MEET PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION PROBLEM, NOTING THAT THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE A PRINCIPAL

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TOPIC DURING SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST.

3. I ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF JULY 23 DISCUSSION WITH MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ALI BENGELLOUN TO BRIEF HIM ALONG SAME LINES AS LARAKI. BENGELLOUN WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE, COMMENTING THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TAKEN UP PALESTINIAN QUESTION VERY SERIOUSLY

WITH BEGIN. BENGELLOUN CONCLUDED THAT DOOR DEFINITELY NOT SHUT
ON PEACE EFFORTS.
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